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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE  
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According to [ ] the position of former King Zog continues to deteriorate. As a result of a new Egyptian law, Zog and his entourage were required prior to 1 November to present all licensed and unlicensed arms to the Alexandria Governorate for checking. Although his representative was assured that the licensed weapons could be retained, all arms, most of which were unlicensed, were ordered seized when he returned to the Governorate on 1 November. In the opinion of Zog's representative, who serves also as his contact with CIA, this latest move on the part of the Egyptian authorities was a deliberate effort to catch Zog in technical violation of the law and further to discredit him. [ ] reports that the press is continuing to attack him at every opportunity, with the apparent blessing of the official censor. Zog, according to his contact, is very much disturbed by his worsening situation and by reports that he may be arrested and his entourage expelled from Egypt. He reportedly is now willing to "submit to blackmail" and make a settlement if the Egyptians will specify charges.

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